

ED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Torben Naurbo DALGAARD et al.

Application No.: 09/283,587

Group Art Unit: 2747

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Docket No.: 103175

A METHOD AND AN APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING

AUSCULTATION SIGNALS

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

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Sir:

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Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the Abstract with the Substitute Abstract filed herewith.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

between lines 3 and 4, insert -- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTIO Page 1,

before line 5, insert --1. Field of the Invention--;

line 5, change "comprising" to --consisting of--;

between lines 11 and 12, insert -- 2. Description of Related Art; and

line 26, change "comprises" to --consists of--.

Page 2, line 17, change "comprises" to --consists of--; and

line 18, change "comprise" to --consists of--.

between lines 7 and 8, insert -- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION Page 5,

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Page 7, line 6, change "comprise" to --consist of--;
line 8, change "said" to --the--;
line 9, change "said" to --the--;
lines 12-13, change "is low-frequent" to --has a low frequency--;
line 15, change "is low-frequent" to --has a low frequency--;
line 21, change "comprise" to --consist of--;
line 22, change "comprise" to --consist of--:
line 24, change "comprise" to --consisting of--; and
line 26, change "comprises" to --consists of--.

Page 9, before line 1, insert --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--; and

between lines 19 and 20, insert -- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF

PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

Page 12,

line 3, change "comprising" to --consisting of--;

line 19, change "comprises" to --consists of--; and

line 27, change "comprising" to --consisting of--.

Page 17,

line 27, change "comprise" to --consist of--.

Page 21, line 25, change "comprising" to --consisting of--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1.

Please amend claims 1-25 as follows:

a bias processor [(106; 301; 409) for receiving] that receives an auscultation signal and [providing] provides a biased auscultation signal,[;] said bias processor comprising an envelope detector; and

(Amended) An apparatus for processing auscultation signals, comprising: